



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, September 5, 2010 Released September 7, 2010 Volume 10 Number 27

CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.8

Soil moisture supplies: 12% very short, 25% short, 54% adequate and 9% surplus

Field Crops Report

Dry, warm weather conditions aided the harvest of several crops. Statewide precipitation for the week averaged 0.76 inches. The corn harvest was almost completed, as it reached 98 percent, 22 points ahead of the five-year average. Excellent weather conditions accelerated the cotton harvest. Cotton harvested reached 16 percent, 14 points ahead of the five-year average. In the southern parts of the state, most farmers wrapped up the rice harvest. Sorghum harvested reached 93 percent, 14 points ahead of the five-year average. Some soybean fields had increased worm pressure. Soybeans harvested reached 34 percent, five points ahead of the five-year average. Sugarcane planting continued. Both sugarcane for harvest and newly planted fields looked good.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers prepare land for strawberry crops, planted fall crops, and began fertigation of fall greenhouse tomatoes and fall bell pepper plants. Cucumbers, peanuts and greenhouse tomatoes were harvested. Some cabbage fields were sprayed for insects. Citrus producers scouted for insects.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Producers began to wean and market calves. Livestock were doing well. Hay harvest made excellent progress during the week. A few producers treated hay fields for armyworms.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	98	94	88	86
Cotton	Bolls Open	90	75	69	70
	Harvested	16	3	0	2
Hay	Second cutting	96	95	88	92
Rice	Ripe	95	88	97	95
	Harvested	80	67	75	73
Sorghum	Harvested	93	85	76	79
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	100	100
	Turning Color	76	67	74	71
	Dropping Leaves	62	48	55	57
	Harvested	34	25	26	29
Sugarcane	Planted	57	44	68	53
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	9	4	10	12

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	1	13	30	50	6
Rice	0	2	25	56	17
Soybeans	2	8	29	52	9
Sugarcane	1	7	20	41	31
Sweet Potatoes	1	2	35	61	1
Livestock	4	8	37	43	8
Vegetables	13	25	44	18	0
Pasture	5	15	41	33	6

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/30/10 TO 09/05/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	96	57	82	80	0.03	1.02	18.70	35.12
Minden	94	60	81	79	0.19	1.38	24.93	37.65
Mooringsport	95	61	81	MM	0.27	1.94	27.79	31.29
Extreme/Average	96	57	81	80	0.16	1.45	23.81	35.86
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	92	55	80	80	0.70	2.76	25.45	38.34
Homer/Hill Farm	(97)	(50)	78	78	0.01	2.62	26.79	37.81
ULM-Monroe	94	54	79	80	0.36	1.45	26.80	39.81
Columbia Lock	95	58	80	MM	0.24	0.47	19.74	41.63
Extreme/Average	97	50	79	79	0.33	1.83	24.70	39.02
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	91	59	78	79	0.00	3.11	21.71	40.97
LSU-St Joseph	92	56	79	80	0.61	5.41	27.86	39.76
LSU-Winnsboro	95	53	80	80	0.04	0.65	22.29	39.20
Tallulah	92	55	79	79	0.44	3.24	27.06	40.94
Extreme/Average	95	53	79	80	0.27	3.10	24.73	40.12
4. West-Central								
Leesville	96	61	81	79	1.02	2.08	23.43	39.09
LSU-Rosepine	95	66	82	80	0.45	2.75	30.22	40.01
Natchitoches	96	58	82	81	0.00	2.07	22.25	37.67
Extreme/Average	96	58	82	80	0.49	2.30	23.43	38.35
5. Central								
Alexandria	93	67	82	81	0.00	3.38	32.39	41.16
Bunkie	92	64	81	80	0.00	10.40	40.50	42.26
LSU-Alexandria	92	64	81	80	0.01	4.83	31.05	39.55
Extreme/Average	93	64	81	81	0.00	6.20	34.65	41.53
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	92	63	78	MM	1.20	7.53	40.92	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	91	66	80	80	0.75	7.59	36.26	44.20
Amite	93	62	79	80	0.11	8.21	40.37	47.51
LSU-Hammond	92	65	78	80	2.19	10.64	38.37	46.63
Slidell	90	68	79	81	0.34	12.84	51.36	45.53
Extreme/Average	93	62	79	80	0.92	9.36	41.46	46.32
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	95	67	82	81	0.33	1.80	31.74	41.39
Jennings	92	67	81	80	1.08	8.21	38.39	40.97
LSU-Crowley	93	67	81	81	0.22	4.06	33.20	41.88
Extreme/Average	95	67	82	81	0.54	4.69	34.44	42.09
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	91	68	80	81	1.78	7.60	40.10	43.91
LSU-Jeanerette	92	69	81	80	0.64	6.27	43.61	44.45
Morgan City	90	72	81	80	3.19	12.63	33.25	46.51
Extreme/Average	92	68	81	81	1.87	8.83	38.99	44.89
9. Southeast								
Galliano	88	62	79	81	2.99	16.35	50.79	47.94
Houma	96	68	81	81	3.16	10.68	43.01	46.47
Terrytown 3S	91	72	81	MM	1.56	8.81	45.05	MM.MM
Reserve	95	69	81	81	0.45	5.93	41.77	47.22
Extreme/Average	96	62	80	82	2.57	11.95	46.28	46.30
State								
Extreme/Average	97	50	81	80	0.76	5.68	33.18	41.80

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through September 5, 2010

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